

The 15 smallest occupations combined made up less than one-tenth of 1 percent of total U.S. employment.

FIGURE 1

- Employment in many of these occupations is concentrated in specific industries.
- Nine of the smallest occupations paid more than the U.S. median annual wage of \$32,390.

Employment and median wages for the smallest occupations in the United States, May 2008

Occupation	Employment	Median wage	
		Hourly	Annual
Prosthodontists	370	≥\$80.00*	≥\$166,400*
Radio operators	820	17.85	37,120
Fabric menders, except garment	960	13.69	28,470
Locomotive firers	970	23.17	48,190
Mathematical technicians	1,100	18.46	38,400
Geographers	1,120	32.02	66,600
Segmental pavers	1,170	13.17	27,400
Astronomers	1,280	48.70	101,300
Industrial-organizational psychologists	1,460	37.03	77,010
Forest fire inspectors and prevention specialists	1,580	15.09	31,380
Models	1,660	13.18	27,410
Model makers, wood	1,740	15.06	31,320
Dredge operators	1,910	16.70	34,740
Makeup artists, theatrical and performance	1,930	12.63	26,270
Patternmakers, wood	1,930	16.35	34,010

*The median wage is greater than or equal to \$80 per hour or \$166,400 per year.